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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM AECOB

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER

DIVISION SR

STATION CSOB

Room No. 2502 "J"

Extension 3582

Date: 21 August 1952

The attached project outline is presented for approval.

This project is designed to include all CIA operations into the Latvian SSR. It encompasses both the FI and the PP responsibilities of the SR Division. Although the primary objectives of this project are intelligence and PP operations into the Latvian SSR, it will have other objectives in working with Latvian emigre groups outside of the USSR for support of operations and for covert political activity and psychological warfare directed against the Latvian SSR.

All activities under this project which will take place in or affect the areas which are the responsibility of the WE Division will be coordinated with that Division. It is possible that during the fiscal year of 1953 there will be a joint operation into the Latvian SSR with the SIS. Such a joint operation would be financed from this project. In any event all operations planned under this project will be coordinated with the SIS and the Swedish Intelligence Service as to time of dispatch.

In order to facilitate fiscal administration, this project will be divided into FI and PP activities. It is estimated that costs for FI activities during the fiscal year 1953 will be \$82,500. The cost for PP activities during this period will be \$52,450. All costs under this project will be charged to SR funds.

This project will be a continuing project and will be renewed for fiscal year 1954.

It is requested that \$134,950 be approved for Project AECOB for the period 1 July 1952 to 30 June 1953.

APPROVED:

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18 September 1952

MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of Communications/Operations Division/Attn: []
FROM: Chief, SR/2
SUBJECT: AECOB Communications Requirements for Fiscal Year 1953.
REF: AECOB Project

1. It is anticipated that four agents will require w/t training under Project AECOB during the fiscal year 1953.

2. It is further anticipated that four w/t equipped agents will be dispatched during the fiscal year 1953, two in the spring and two in the fall.

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I. Area of Operations

Operations will be conducted into the Latvian SSR. Recruiting of agents will take place primarily in the United States but exceptional candidates in Europe and the Western Hemisphere will also be contacted. Training will be conducted primarily in the United States. Political and psychological warfare activity will be conducted among Latvian emigre groups for the main part in the United States and Western Europe.

II. Reference

a. Documents

1. OPC/EE-2 project ZRLYNCH No. 48
2. EE-2 Memorandum, "First Conversations Held with Alfreds LAUNAGS," 26 January 1950
3. Dispatch from [] "Meeting with Alfreds LAUNAGS," 725-CHGWU, 26 July 1950
4. Report prepared for DYCLAIM by Mr. Albert KALME, 26 August 1949, on the subjects "Latvian Resistance against Russian Occupation" and "Applications for Support of the Latvian Resistance Movement."
5. "Current Estimate of the AECOB Situation," MGKW-9231, 4 June 1951.

- b. This project was developed in its early stages by OPC/EE-2 under project ZRLYNCH. The original purpose was to contact the resistance in the Latvian SSR by utilizing the contact group in Sweden of the Latvian resistance. The contact group, commonly known as the "SC", consists of the triumvirate CAMBAROS 1, 2, and 3, who ever since 1946 have attempted to interest the Western democracies in aiding and supporting the partisans and underground in Latvia. Since their alignment with DYCLAIM, they have recruited two agents in Sweden and one in Germany. In the latter part of 1951 the three agents began training under the direct supervision of CAMBARO 2, while CAMBARO 1 acted as operational planner.

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III. Purpose

a. Objectives

1. To organize, develop, and execute covert operations for the infiltration into and, as appropriate, exfiltration out of the Latvian SSR of non-American agent personnel for the purpose of establishing support points in the Latvian SSR and obtaining operational and/or strategic intelligence.
2. To establish in the Latvian SSR covert resident agent personnel who can assist agents being infiltrated into other strategic areas of the USSR, and who will assist in the attainment of long range intelligence objectives.
3. To assist in the organization, development, and execution of covert political and psychological warfare operations against the Soviet regime of the Latvian SSR for the purpose of placing a maximum strain on the Soviet structure and of driving a wedge between the Latvian people and the Soviet regime.
4. To establish effective clandestine contacts with, and provide assistance and guidance to whatever resistance nuclei that exist in the Latvian SSR.
5. To organize and develop covert assets to be utilized in times of open hostilities with the Soviet Union for the conduct of psychological warfare operations in the Latvian SSR.
6. To organize and develop specially trained unconventional warfare teams to be infiltrated into the Latvian SSR and work with resistance and guerrilla forces upon the outbreak of open hostilities with the Soviet Union.
7. To organize and develop covert assets to be utilized upon the outbreak of open hostilities with the Soviet Union for conducting sabotage against key Latvian industrial and military installations and communications.
8. To organize and develop covert assets for aiding allied military personnel to avoid capture and to escape from the USSR via the Latvian SSR in time of open hostilities.

b. Targets

Specific intelligence targets in the Latvian SSR are outlined in Top Secret SR Memorandum, Control No. 73433, 21 March 1952.

c. Tasks

1. Recruitment, training, and dispatch of Latvian agents in the Latvian SSR.
2. Development of s/w, w/t, and courier communications with the Latvian SSR.

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3. Unification of the Latvian emigration.
4. Stockpiling of materiel necessary for the support of resistance and guerrilla groups in the Latvian SSR.
5. Continual accumulation of operational data and documentation.
6. Training of sabotage and unconventional warfare teams.
7. Establishment of a covert radio transmitter outside of the Latvian SSR.
8. Support of worthy publications, particularly those stressing any activity supporting emigre unification.

IV. Personnel

- a. CAMBARO 1 - Now serving as Chief Consultant by DYCLAIM case officers and the agent candidates in the AECOB Project in Germany. Operational clearance has been granted.
- b. [] - Is at present employed as spotter and recruiter of agent candidates in the U.S., as well as informing this office of developments in Latvian emigre groups, gaining most of his information from the Latvian Legation in Washington which he has successfully penetrated for DYCLAIM. [] has no personal political ambitions at present. Operational clearance has been granted.
- c. CAMBARO 2 - Now serves as chief indigenous instructor of the AECOB group in training in Germany. Operational clearance has been granted.
- d. CAMUSO 11 - is being used as a translator of training material from Russian into Latvian in Germany. Provisional Operational Clearance has been granted.
- e. CAMUSO 12 - To be used as a translator of training material from Russian into Latvian in Germany. She is the wife of CAMUSO 11.
- f. Three agents are being trained in Germany for dispatch into the Latvian SSR. Two prospective agents are being processed for dispatch into the Latvian SSR in 1953.

V. Cover

- a. The cover used by case officers in the U.S. in contact with principal and operational agents [] in Europe CAMBARO 1 and 2 are aware of being employed by DYCLAIM because they were recruited under circumstances forcing revelation. The agents in training are aware of being employed by "American Secret Service".

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VI. Contact and Communications

- a. Direct contact is maintained between field and Headquarters case officers, and CAMBARO 1 and 2 and FLIPPIN.
- b. Direct contact will exist between action agents and training officers.
- c. W/T, S/W and courier contact will be developed between DYCLAIM and agents inside Latvian SSR.

VII. Control:

Complete U.S. control of all action agents is considered of paramount importance and all possible steps necessary to achieve such control are being taken. Originally control of the agents was in the hands of the contact group.

- a. CAMBARO I, [] and CAMBARO 2 are controlled by their financial dependence on us, as well as their belief that the American government is the one most likely to aid them in regaining the freedom of Latvia.
- b. CAMBARO I is motivated by the belief that he is an emissary of the Latvian resistance movement and is responsible for doing as much as possible for his country. [] is ideologically motivated because of the high positions his father formerly held in the Latvian government, and his desire to see his fathers work justified in the re-creation of a free Latvia.
- c. The agents in training are motivated by a strong desire to free their country. They all possess a strong anti-Communist feeling and feel that by working for the American government they can aid in freeing Latvia and perhaps secure a position for themselves in any future Latvian government.
- d. Agents recruited will be controlled physically while in training in either Germany or the U.S. It is hoped to control them financially as well.

VIII. Special Equipment

Special equipment will usually include w/t sets, s/w material, personal arms, cameras, "L" and "K" tablets, Soviet type clothing, sterile concentrated foods, rubles and articles of value for bribery and barter.

IX. Coordination

- a. 1. British I.S. The British are currently in contact with a partisan group in northwest Latvia and claim to have individual agents in other unnamed localities. When it is to our advantage, and when individual circumstances warrant it, the British may be advised concerning certain aspects of our Latvian dispatches.

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2. Swedish I.S. The Swedes are currently in w/t and s/w contact with a Latvian agent. While they have not welcomed our entrance into the Baltic area, they have on occasion agreed to facilitate certain aspects of our dispatch operation. When it is to our advantage, individual circumstances warranting it, we may advise the Swedes concerning certain aspects of our Latvian dispatches.
- b. 1. The [] will usually be informed of our activities in this area.
2. Coordination will be effected with the appropriate area Divisions.

X. Timetable

- a. One agent mission per year is anticipated. It is planned to dispatch one mission in 1952.
- b. Two U.S. agent prospects are expected to enter training in the early fall of 1952 in preparation for Spring 1953 operations.

XI. Estimated Total Cost: - \$134,950.00

- a. It is estimated that the cost of FI activities of this project will be as follows:

1. Salaries for one spotter and recruiter and two indigenous instructors	\$ 15,000
2. Salaries for 2 newly recruited action agents	10,000
3. Continuation of salaries for 3 action agents in Latvia	7,500
4. Expenditures for the procurement of operational and positive intelligence.	25,000
5. Operational equipment for at least two teams of penetration agents.	20,000
6. Purchase of valuable bribery and barter items	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 82,500
- b. It is estimated that the cost for FP activities of this project will be as follows:

1. Continuation of support for the newspaper "Latvia",	3,750
2. Travel for contract agent in connection with discussing with leading emigre figures the feasibility of an international conference which is to act as a stepping stone toward an overall, global unification of Latvian emigres.	2,500
3. Travel for leading Latvian emigre figures to the U.S. and return, and arrangements in the U.S. for an initial unification conference	7,500

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| 4. Unification of Latvian emigre factions and support of a unified body. | \$ 30,000 |
| 5. Operational expenses (cover arrangements, travel of cut-outs, printing of initial proclamation) | 4,000 |
| 6. Salary for contract agent <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>4,700</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 52,450 |

XII. Special Problems and Commitments:

- a. Commitments made to CAMBARO 1 to the effect that aid would be given to him in bringing his wife and children to the U.S. It can be anticipated that after a reasonable period of service to us an implied obligation to bring CAMBARO 1 to the U.S. for permanent residence will be developed.
- b. Agents in training and future agents recruited by us will probably expect a commitment on the payment of a life insurance policy to their next of kin. It is proposed that death and disability benefits equal to those authorized under the United States Employees Compensation Act be provided for agents recruited under this project. A ceiling of \$10,000 for death benefits is considered to be appropriate in most cases.
- c. Commitments to ☐ ☒ include \$4,500 per annum as salary, and payment of expenses incurred in spotting agent candidates, attending political meetings, and reimbursement for any other operational expenses incurred by him. It is anticipated to raise his salary to \$5,000 per annum in the near future. The customary \$9.00 per day per diem will be paid when on official travel status.

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